

January 13, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 Twelfth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20054

Re: Proposed mergers of SBC and Ameritech, CC No. 98-141,  
and Bell Atlantic and GTE, CC No. 98-1840

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 12, 1999, Mr. John Barnicle, President of Focal Communications and myself meet with Radhika Kamarkar and other members of the Common Carrier Bureau shown below to discuss various aspects of CLEC market entry decisions as they might relate to the above applications. Mr. Barnicle discussed Focal's market entry plans at length, and went into detail concerning the resources required to become a facilities-based CLEC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,  
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